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Poloff delivered reftel points on June 19 to Enrique Yturriaga, MFA Subdirector General for Technical International Organizations, and urged Spain to help block any effort to prematurely adjourn the June 20-21 International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. Yturriaga said that Spain strongly believed in the importance of the Third Protocol and would continue to work with its EU partners to secure its enactment. He said he would relay concerns about the efforts of some countries to block adoption of the Third Protocol to Spanish Ambassador Manuel Pombo, who will direct Spain's participation on this issue at the Conference.  
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